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The chapter on relationship is from its nature more open to criticism ; it is, however, clear in statement and well balanced in proportion. The practical directions are adequate, though exception must be taken to the recommendation for mounting moths and butterflies in glass-covered tablets ; a sealed mount for any object preserved for study — and specimens not for study should not be collected — is undesirable.

A short list of books for reference, a glossary, and an index are also given.

Throughout the book errors of statement — such as, 'the tussocks are very often included, by competent authorities it is to be presumed, in the Noctuidæ,' and that there is but one brood of the white-marked tussock each year — are infrequent.

The illustrations are more numerous than either the title or the list indicates, and they show to what good advantage the camera may be applied in nature study.

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Sesiidæ. — Mr. William Beutenmüller's long-expected monograph of the Sesiidæ of America north of Mexico appears in sumptuous form as Part VI of Vol. I of the *Memoirs of the American Museum of Natural History*. After a brief introduction there are sections on the position of the family, its characters, characters of the genera, synopsis of genera, historic review of generic names, habits of imago, mimicry of imago, characters of the larvæ, synopsis of larvæ, habits of larvæ, synopsis of food habits of larvæ, characters of pupæ, descriptions of genera and species with synopses of the species, and a bibliography.

Mr. Beutenmüller recognizes seventeen genera, 100 species, and ten varieties ; one new species and one new variety are described. Of the eight plates, five are devoted to the imagoes and three to larval borings. The figures of the imagoes, though inconveniently arranged on the plates, are admirable ; only five species and three varieties are unfigured. Text-figures showing structural details are also given.

A bibliography of more than thirty-five pages and with 542 titles would seem adequate, but is not sufficient to include all the works quoted in the body of the paper.

The date, March, 1901, on the cover is entirely unjustifiable ; copies were not received until June, and were certainly not issued earlier than the end of May.

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